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SUBJ: GRANT AID TRAINING SUDAN

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1. MINDEF GENERAL AWAD KHALAFALLA WAS DELIGHTED LEARN FIVE SPACES PROPOSED CONUS TRAINING FOR SUDANESE OFFICERS DURING FY 74 WHEN AMBASSADOR BRIEFED HIM ON SUBSTANCE REFTEL MARCH 7. KHALAFALLA CONFIRMED PEOPLE'S ARMED FORCES (PAF) WOULD WISH TAKE ADVANTAGE ALL AVAILABLE SPACES AS SOON AS DETAILS CCEIVED. AMBASSADOR NOTED THAT TRAINING WOULD BE WITHIN A SPECIFIC DOLLAR CEILING (NO REPEAT NO FIGURE WAS MENTIONED) BUT THAT IT WAS HOPED FUNDS SUFFICIENT COVER FIVE SPACES. KHALAFALLA INQUIRED RE DETAILS AS TO COURSES AND STANDARDS DESIRED, FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS AND, IN PARTICULAR, WHAT, IF ANY, WOULD BE PAF EXPENSES IN CONNECTION WITH THIS TRAINING. AMBASSADOR RESPONDED EMBASSY EXPECTED FURTHER GUIDANCE ON THESE POINTS SHORTLY. HE ASKED WHETHER OFFICERS MIGHT FLY KHARTOUM/LONDON/KHARTOUM VIA SUDAN AIRWAYS AT NO REPEAT NO EXPENSE USG. KHALAFALLA INDICATED CONFIDENTIAL

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THIS MIGHT BE FEASIBLE BUT SAID THAT, IN PAST, OFFICERS HAD

FLOWN CAIRO VIA SUDAN AIRWAYS AND THENCE USA ON AMERICAN CARRIER (NO DOUBT WITH TICKET PURCHASED IN EGYPTIAN POUNDS).

2. KHALAFALLA SAID HE HAD INFORMED PRESIDENT NIMEIRI OF SUBSTANCE AMBASSADOR'S FEB 28 PRESENTATION (KHARTOJM 0462 NOTAL) AND THAT NIMEIRI HAD BEEN GRATIFIED LEARN REGULAR PROGRAM CONUS TRAINING BEING REINSTITUTED.

KHALAFALLA COMMENTED THAT PRESIDENT RETAINED EXCELLENT MEMORIES FROM HIS OWN COURSE AT FORT LEAVENWORTH AND HAD ENCOURAGED KHALAFALLA PURSUE FURTHER CONUS TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES. AMBASSADOR REITERATED DETAILS WOULD BE PROVIDED PROMPTLY BUT SUGGESTED KHALAFALLA INITIATE PRELIMINARY SCREENING POSSIBLE CANDIDATES ON BASIS HIS PAST EXPERIENCE CONUS TRAINING COURSES.

3. COMMENT. REINTRODUCTION REGULAR CONUS TRAINING PROGRAM

CLEARLY HAS ALREADY SCORED POSITIVE POINTS WITH NIMEIRI AND PAF. APPRECIATE DETAILS RE DESIRED RANK ANBMBACKGROUND OFFICERS WHO SHOLD BE NOMINATED FOR PROPOSED COURSES SO THAT PAF SELECTION PROCESS MAY BE CONCLUDED PROMPTLY. ECONOMIC OFFICER SAMUEL R. PEALE TENTATIVELY NAMED ADMINISTER TRAINING PROGRAM THIS EMBASSY PENDING ASSIGNMENT NEW DCM. BREWER

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